

My name is Jennifer. I am an artist and entertainer and I am self-employed. Net Neutrality is so so important to me! Without it, my ability to compete in any marketplace would be destroyed. With the internet I am able to successfully and repeatedly get my message out to prospective clients. I am able to have an online store presence as well as on-line service offerings. Because of the current net neutrality I am able to attract clients and work for myself thus providing for my future and the future of my family. Without Net Neutrality my ability to work and earn a living would be drastically reduced. I stand to lose everything - my way of life would be in jeopardy. It is for these reasons that I am asking the FCC to protect the net neutrality protections that are already in place.

In addition, I have been able to utilize social networking - not just for my business but as the way I continue to connect with others on the planet. I am currently using an online college course site where I can take hundreds of classes for free from reputable universities like Wesleyan and UC Davis. Without net neutrality I would most likely never have been able to find those courses and thus been able to further my education.

It is for these reasons and countless others that I want Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality ensures that I have the freedom to control my internet experience. The 2015 rules prohibit things like cherry-picking winners and losers on the internet by broadband ISPs like Comcast and AT&T. Contrary to what opponents to Net Neutrality might say the rules DO NOT regulate the internet. These types of companies are powerful but they ARE NOT the internet and they should not be seen as such. They provide access to the internet. Consumers are much better served when these gatekeepers are moderated. The best person to curate my internet experience is me. Not the companies from whom I purchase internet access.

ISPs, online companies and the public have all benefitted under the net neutrality rules. Even the federal court found that the Net Neutrality rules allow online companies to thrive which then increases customer demand for broadband which in turn leads to more broadband investment. All of this leads to online innovation. Known as the "virtuous circle", since 2015 there has been an explosion of new companies which resulted in increasing numbers of Americans adopting broadband. According to Gigi Sohn in an article entitled What to expect when you're expecting the net neutrality debate to begin, "Not one publicly traded ISP has told its investors or the Securities and Exchange Commission that investment has decreased as a result of the 2015 rules."

Chairman Pai's proposal is flawed. Empty promises from cable and phone companies are not what keep the internet open and free. Net Neutrality and Title II is the FCC's best and only authority for rules against ISP blocking and discrimination.

I DO NOT want an internet that is entirely controlled by a few large corporations that sell access to it but the NPRM (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking) makes it clear that Pai intends to kill the bright-line rules against paid prioritization, throttling, and blocking for websites and online

services. Pai is pretending that he's preserving the open internet by dismantling the rules that protect it and the foundation on which those rules are built.

The current FCC regulations mean that Internet providers can't block or slow my access to certain web services or engage in data discrimination by charging websites and online services money to reach customers faster. What that means for me as a user is that I am insured a level playing field that benefits me as I use the internet. I don't need a gatekeeper. I just need access. I can handle it from there.